MINUTES

OF THE

73d Annual Session

OF THE

Union Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Brushy Fork Baptist Church

Copiah County, Miss.,

September 23, 24, 25 and 26, 1893.

OFFICERS:

S. R. YOUNG, MODERATOR, ... HERMANVILLE, Miss.
J. C. FARRAR, CLERK, ... BEAR CREEK, "
G. W. FOSTER, TREASURER, ... LEE, "

Pursuant to adjournment, the Union Baptist Association met in its 73d Annual Session with the Brushy Fork Baptist Church, Copiah County, Miss., September 23d, 1893.

The congregation engaged in devotional exercises conducted by Rev. J. C. Little.

At 11 o'clock a. m., the Introductory Sermon was preached by the Rev. W. W. Bolls from John 16th chapter and 18th verse.

On motion, the Association adjourned for dinner.

EVENING SESSION—FIRST DAY.

Association was called to order by Moderator, and was led in prayer by Bro. A. Taylor.

On motion, Bro. B. F. Watkins was chosen clerk pro tem.

J. C. Farrar and J. E. Lowe were appointed reading clerks, and Bros. Ford Smith, A. C. Lewis, M. C. Bailiss appointed a Committee on Finance.

The Moderator proceeded to call the roll of churches, and the following churches responded by letters and delegates:

Antioch	W. C. Buffkin
Bethel	John McBride
Brushy Fork,	S. D. Purser, Walter Trim, M. C. Bailiss
Beech Grove	
*Bethany	
Center Chapel	
Fellowship	J. R. Rollin
Hermanville	W. W. Bolls, G. W. Foster
Ingleside	J. W. Walters, J. D. Butler, T. E. Crews
Martin	U. D. Buffkin, G. H. Nolan
New Providence	S. R. Young, Isaac Furr
New Zion	J. R. Middleton
Philadelphia	J. C. Farrar, J. E. Lowe, R. E. Manning
Pine Bluff	W. F. Smith, W. M. Higdon, J. F. Anding
Pleasant Hill	J. A. Anderson, T. J. Martin, J. L. Methvin
*Piedmont	C. J. Hendry, A. J. Short
Rodney	
Reaganton	E. B. Thompson, W. B. Thompson
Sims' Chapel	J. W. Foster
	R. B. Thedford

Smyrna
*Unity
White Oak ..... A. C. Lewis, James Thornton
*Not represented.

After call of churches, the Association proceeded to permanent organization, and entered into the election of officers, resulting in the election of Bros. S. R. Young, Moderator; G. W. Foster, Treasurer; J. C. Farrar, Clerk.

An address of welcome was delivered by J. W. Clark and responded to by Bro. W. W. Bolls.

Bro. Bolls asked permission to read a letter from Bro. J. G. Chastain, which was read and listened to with marked attention.

On motion, the following order of business was adopted:

1 Call to Order.
2 Organize.
3 Call for Petitionary Letters.
4 Call for Correspondence.
5 Appoint on Correspondence
6 Report of Committees.
7 Resolutions.
8 Adjournment.

On motion, the rules were suspended to hear the reports on Ministerial Education and Mississippi College.

The report on Ministerial Education was read by Bro. John P. Hemby, discussed by Bro. J. C. Little, and pledges made for same as follows:

Antioch	$5 00
Bethesda	5 00
A. G. Jones	2 50
J. R. Rollins	1 50
Fellowship	10 00
Hermanville	5 00
Ingleside	2 50
Martin	5 00
New Providence	7 50
New Zion	10 00
Philadelphia	10 00
Pine Bluff	5 00
Rodney	10 00
Smyrna	$5 00
Reaganton	5 00
Sims' Chapel	2 50
J. B. Martin	5 00
J. A. Bailis	1 00
W. M. S. Rodney	5 00
Fellowship	5 00
Unity	5 00
A. J. Short	1 00
Pleasant Hill	7 00
White Oak	5 00
Brushy Fork	2 50

A cash collection was taken amounting to $3 40.

Pending the motion to adopt report, the Association adjourned to meet Saturday, Sept. 24th, at 9 o'clock, a. m.

Benediction by J. C. Farrar.

MORNING SESSION—SECOND DAY.

Association called to order by Moderator at 9 o'clock a. m.

After devotional services, conducted by Bro. W. J. Weatherby, assisted by Bros. J. E. Lowe and J. C. Farrar, the journal of yesterday was read, amended and adopted.

The pending motion was then taken up and discussion resumed, and Brethren H. F. Sproles and W. S. Rogers spoke to the report and the same was adopted.

Report on Ministerial Education.

We are thankful that in the midst of a widespread, distressing financial depression, the Board of Ministerial Education was permitted to close the past year of its work without incurring any debt. In comparison with any other department of the organized benevolent work of Mississippi Baptists, the success of the cause of Ministerial Education is noteworthy, and can only be accounted for in the unfailing Divine favor, together with the increasing interest of our brotherhood in ministerial training. The friends to ministerial education are to be found everywhere among our brethren, among the masses and among the intelligent. As capital stock, this favor and friendship are of immensely greater value than overflowing treasuries; for these resources may be relied upon to sustain a treasury, even as the fountain creates the stream.

The average amount of money distributed among the ministerial students during the past year was a fraction less $60 for each one, as against $67 for the previous year. More help was required and was needed, but the Board could not give out only as the funds in the treasury would allow. In many instances, they were able to give only the "half," when the whole loaf was a sore need. Forty ministerial students were enrolled during the session; thirty-one

of these received more or less assistance from the Board, others received assistance directly from benefactors—a system of help which we think not so good as the organized agency for rendering aid to each one and to all as the necessities may require. Of the fourteen young men who received diplomas from Mississippi College at the last commencement, six of the number were from the ranks of our ministerial students and the class standing of each of them is high and honorable. Every Baptist throughout these broad bounds should feel a pride in this increased number of trained young men going forth to labor for our Lord. Let the number be increased year by year, so long as the fields are "white unto harvest," and so long as "the laborers are few."

Respectfully,

J. P. HEMBY.

The report on Mississippi College was read by Bro. W. S. Rogers and discussed by Brethren W. S. Rogers, H. F. Sproles, A. Taylor and J. C. Farrar and adopted.

REPORT ON MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE.

Your Committee would report the following:

Mississippi College! The name so dear to all lovers of education. The question which was dividing our Baptist people is finally and forever settled. For this let us thank God and take courage. This great institution has been, is now, a great factor in Christian education. It has been and is now what the Baptists made it. It will be in the future just what the Baptists make it. Let it be understood that Mississippi College is not, nor never was, a theological school, as some seem to think, but it is a place of literary training. Some of our brethren are impressed that it is in this school that the preacher learns to preach. This is not true. He can learn oratory, but the way to learn to preach is to PREACH, and the place to learn to preach is at the preaching.

There has never been in the history of the College, until last session, a regular course of Bible study. There is such

a thing now connected with the school taught by the untiring efforts of our President, R. A. Venable. The College has just opened the session of 1893-'94 with more students, (140), than ever before at the beginning of a session. Boys and men, you can get an education at Mississippi College. It is no longer a question of money, but a question of brain and perseverance. Parents need not fear to send their boys to this school, for if they will not work the Faculty will send them back to you, but remember they will do all that can be done to make men of your boys. One boy went to this school and paid his expenses, all told, $65. Who cannot go to school? Now brethren, since the storm of changing presidents and the removal question has blown over, will not every Baptist in the State rally to her support?

This is OUR SCHOOL, what will we do with it?

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. ROGERS.

The regular order of business was then taken up, and on call for letters Rodney church reported by letter and delegate.

Moderator called for correspondence, whereupon Bros. H. F. Sproles, A. Taylor and John P. Hemby were received as corresponding messengers of Convention Board, Mississippi Association, W. J. Weatherby and John P. Hemby; Convention Board S. S. Quarterly, W. W. Bolls.

CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS.

State Convention—Brethren W. W. Bolls, J. E. Lowe, J. C. Farrar, S. R. Young, J. H. Purser, J. R. Martin, G. W. Foster, W. S. Rogers, J. W. White, W. B. Thompson and J. W. Foster.

Mississippi Association—W. W. Bolls and J. W. Patrick.

Fair River Association—Isaac Furr.

Carey Association—S. R. Young, J. H. Purser and W. W. Bolls.

Copiah Association—J. C. Farrar, J. E. Lowe, J. R. Martin and R. E. Manning.

Central Association—J. E. Lowe.

On motion, the rules were suspended and Bro. H. F. Sproles was allowed to present the claims of the Mission Rooms of Jackson Baptist Church. Pledges were made by the brethren and friends amounting to $320.

Moderator appointed Committee on Apportionment: W. C. Buffkin, John McBride, Walter Trim, A. G. Jones, J. R. Rollins, B. F. Watkins, J. W. Walters, W. D. Buffkin, Isaac Furr, W. M. Higdon, A. J. Short, J. W. Foster, R. B. Thedford, J. R. Martin, James Thompson, W. B. Thompson, J. E. Lowe and A. J. Anderson.

On Nominations: G. W. Foster, J. R. Rollins and R. E. Manning.

On Religious Exercises: Pastor, Deacons and Clerk of Brushy Fork Church.

On motion, Association adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock p. m. Benediction by Bro. H. F. Sproles.

AFTERNOON SESSION—SECOND DAY.

Association called to order by Moderator, and on motion the rules were suspended and Bro. H. F. Sproles was asked to preach which he did, to the comfort and joy of all present.

After singing, Association proceeded to regular order of business.

Reports were called for, and the report on Prohibition was read by J. C. Farrar and discussed by J. C. Farrar and John P. Hemby and adopted.

Report on Prohibition.

The voice of Christians has been vibrating, has echoed and re-echoed until hill and dale, mountain and valley have heard the thundering voice and felt the mighty influence of Prohibition workers, composed chiefly of Christians. This Association has repeatedly spoken out its abhorrence of the "liquor traffic." It has antagonized by pen, tongue, frowns and scorns, until now it has become a "matter of course." Something must be said in all our gatherings against this "matchless evil." It is expected, too, that something strong be

said. That we abuse it; that we anathematize it; that we denounce those who profess to love God, but love their dram better. All this and more is expected of us by the friends of this nefarious soul-destroying child of hell. They expect too, to continue this soul-destroying business so long as they have the material aid and only empty resolves of the churhes, associations and conventions. It is not enough for us to simply draft resolutions, vote upon them, then go home and wait for another year to roll around when we shall have another opportunity to repeat ourselves. Such action is child's play, and is sometimes designated "negative influence.," but there is no such a thing as negative influence, for we are all positive in the sphere we occupy. If we are not actively opposed to this monster evil, we are lending silent influence in its favor.

Much has been said as to the best, surest and quickest means for securing to the people of this republic complete success in their undertaking to throttle the "hydra-headed monster." In this we may differ, but we are all agreed that the ravages of the whiskey traffic MUST be stopped. We, therefore, recommend that we pursue a course similar to that recommended by Horace Greely to his constituents in the emancipation question. Said he, "let us go home and raise up a nation that will oppose it." This they did, and you know the result.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. FARRAR.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported the following: Sunday School mass meeting Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. conducted by Bro. W. S. Rogers; to preach in house at 11 o'clock, Bro. A. Taylor; to preach at stand at 11 o'clock, Bro. John P. Hemby; at 3 o'clock p. m. at the stand, J. C. Farrar; at the same hour in the house, meeting of the Ladies' Mission Society; S. R. Young, at 11 o'clock a. m., to preach at the Calvert church.

On motion, Association adjourned to meet Monday at 9 o'clock a. m. Benediction bp Bro. J. E. Lowe.

SUNDAY.

Services were held as arranged by Committee on Religious Exercises.

MORNING SESSION—THIRD DAY.

Association called to order by Moderator at 9 a. m., after singing, Bro. E. L. Wilson leading the Association in prayer.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and adopted.

Report on Condition of Colored People was read by Bro. S. R. Young, and discussed by Brethren S. R. Young, W. B. Thompson and J. C. Farrar, and adopted.

Report on Condition of Colored People.

The colored people are so credulous that they overlook the scriptural admonition, "believe not every spirit," and hence become an easy prey for the selfish and designing man. Their moral condition is deplorable, yet they have their churches and are easily reached by the gospel. They attend church, and pay their pastors well and promptly, giving something at every service. They have more zeal than their white brethren, "but not according to knowledge." Therefore, we ought to give more attention to mission work among them, and your Committee recommend that the Pastors of this Associatiou preach for them as often as they can, preaching on the way and plan of salvation and the importance of Christian living.

S. R. Young,

Committee.

On motion, the reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions be read and discussed together.

On motion, 11 a. m. was set for the hearing of the report on Sunday Schools.

On motion, the rules were suspended and the following resolution was offered by Bro. W. W. Bolls.

Resolved, that we learn with sorrow of the sickness of of our esteemed Brother Joseph Buckles, and that we will bear him on the arms of our faith to a throne of God's grace.

Association was then led in prayer by Bro. S. R. Young in behalf of Bro. Buckles.

The report on Pastoral Support was read by Bro. W. B. Thompson and discussed by Bros. W. B. Thompson, T. J. Martin and James Thompson, and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT.

Your Committee on Pastoral Support beg leave to submit the following: Pastoral support implies pastoral work. Now, what will develop churches on the line of pastoral support will be calculated to develop them in every department of church work which, indeed, would be a great blessing to the mission cause, a great blessing to our pastors, and the greatest blessing to our churches, "for it is more blessed to give than to receive." Your Committee holds that when much pastoral work is done there will be, as a natural consequence, a sufficient pastoral support, because it will necessarily arouse and strengthen the churches to the extent that they will readily respond to the needs of the work.

Preaching the gospel once, twice, or often during a month is not pastoral work, but while this is the case the Lord has commanded us that "they who preach the gospel must live of the gospel." Therefore, whether we have evangelists, preachers or pastors it is a solemn duty we owe to God and ourselves that we liberally compensate them for services rendered. We want to say further that one-tenth of all our income is the Lord's, and if we could only realize this plain and positive command it would pour the Lord's money into His treasury, and His coffers would be full and ours would be full, and reports on pastoral support would be things of the past.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. THOMPSON.

The hour fixed for the report on Sunday Schools having arrived, the report was called for and read by J. W. Patrick,

and discussed by J. W. Patrick, W. W. Bolls and J. H. Purser, and adopted.

Pledges for State S. S. Evangelist were made as follows:

D. O. Perkins	$1 00	J. H. Purser	$2 00
J. W. Foster	1 00	Sister Townsend	2 00
J. W. Patrick	2 00	T. J. Martin	2 00
G. W. Foster	2 00	J. M. Middleton	2 00
Sister Thompson	2 00	Sister Greenlee	2 00
R. O'Quin	1 00	S. R. Young	2 00
W. W. Bolls	2 00	Cash Collections	10 40

Report on Sunday Schools.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools desire to present the following report: Our Sunday school work has improved very greatly throughout the entire South. The S. B. C. B. has made it one of its special departments. Now having the control of the publication of our own literature we are in a better and surer road to usefulness and good. Again, our State Board has taken a new and good step towards improving the work in our midst. It has employed a man to do Sunday School missionary work in our State, and the duty of this man is to improve old schools, organize new ones and also to organize County and Associational Institutes. The S. B. C. B. has agreed to pay $300 of Agent's salary, and 10 per cent. extra will be allowed our State Board on all Sunday school literature ardered through our Agent. Now the Sunday school work in our Association is not what it should be, only nine churches reporting Sunday schools, eight of which use the S. B. C. B. literature. Your Committee wishes to urge all the churches in our Association to organize a Sunday school, and use the S. B. C. B. series, and to organize an Associational Institute for our mutual good and spiritual improvement.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Patrick.

On motion, the Association adjourned for one hour. Benediction by Bro. W. W. Bolls.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association called to order at 1 o'clock p. m., Moderator in the chair, Bro. J. W. Patrick leading in prayer.

On motion, speeches were limited to five minutes.

The reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions were read as follows:

State Missions.

From the report to the Convention Board made to the late Convention at Summit, we learn that 43 missionaries were in the employment of the Board for all or a part of their time, at salaries aggregating $5,595.00. We make the following extract from that report:

Days of Service,	2,048
Miles Traveled,	26,209
Number of Stations,	73
Sermons Preached,	1,493
Prayer Meetings Attended,	472
Families Visited for Religious Purposes,	2,788
Persons Baptized,	314
Received by Letter,	108
Restored,	7
Churches Organized,	1
Sunday Schools Organized,	12
Officers, Teachers and Scholars in Same,	115
Number of Sunday Schools,	27
Officers, Teachers and Scholars,	876
Sunday School Addresses,	182
Pages of Tracts Distributed,	27,405
Subscribers to Record Obtained,	19
Houses of Worship Commenced,	2
" " " Repaired,	3

The above statement does not include the work done within the bounds of this Association. For a statement of this work we refer you to the report of your own Executive Board From the repor of the Convention Board we learn further that owing to the stringency of the times and the severe ill-

ness of Secretary Christian during the money season of last Conventional year, that a deficit of $2,047.14 was reported to the Convention. Notwithstanding these and other discouragements, the Board says: "We feel the necessity of enlarging our work in all directions. There are many important fields that we ought to occupy; there are others asking our help, and to whom we have promised help, hoping to begin at an early day. To do this we need more money in our treasury. We do earnestly plead for the means for enlargement, that we possess in name of our Lord the many that are needing our care." The above expresses the desire of your Executive Board.

In order to pay this deficit and meet this enlarged demand our churches must increase their contributions to this work, or it will fail.

In conclusion, we would make the following recommendation: That all funds raised by our churches for State Missions be placed in the treasury of this body to be disbursed by direction of your Executive Board.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Crews,
Committee.

Report on Foreign Missions.

in gratitude to God for His blessings upon His people during the past one hundred years, a special effort to raise more money and send more laborers into our foreign mission fields has been undertaken during the past year, and not only in our own country, but also Christians of other countries have enlarged their gifts. Reports show that the Baptists of England raised $550,000,00, over and above their annual contributions, for foreign missions, and our Northern Baptist brethren have doubled their annual contributions, raising over $100,000.00 for foreign mission work, while the Baptists of the South have an increase of $23,000.00 over any previou year, thus falling far short of their expectations in support of our Foreign Mission work.

The commission is just as binding to-day as it was in the

day when our Savior gave it, and the command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," is being carried out by those divinely called.

In the past two years, forty new missionaries have been appointed, the greater number of whom are engaged in foreign fields, while others are waiting and asking to be sent. Results have been good in some mission fields, but the cry from every station is, "send us more men to help us carry on this work." Brethren, how is this to be accomplished? I answer, by enlarging our gifts to the work. While there is a stringency of times and the means are scarce, those without a knowledge of Christ die even as those who know him.

Lastly, seeing that we have come short in our gifts to this great and important work, against that of former years, we recommend: That our pastors and churches take the matter into careful and prayerful consideration and remember the words of our Lord Jesus, "that it is more blessed to give than to receive."

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. Purser.

In the absence of the Committee on Home Missions, the report of last year was read as follows:

Report on Home Missions.

This is an age of wonderful progress, and it is our imperative duty, as children of the Heavenly King, to keep pace with other enterprises. The natural and rapid growth of population of that section of country under the direction of the Home Mission Board, many of whom, perhaps, have never heard the gospel preached in all its purity and power, makes it more incumbent upon us, who hold the "faith which was once delivered unto the saints," to make stronger and more vigorons efforts to have the glad tidings of salvation earnestly proclaimed to those who come under our immediate watch-care, that they may be instructed in the way of the Lord more perfectly. It is a solemn duty we owe to the living God, to give liberally of our substance to the cause of missions. It becomes doubly so in this work, as a large number

of these people have been forced by their more enterprising white brother to the far West, but have carried with them none of the advantages or spiritual blessings we enjoy.

Therefore, let us awake, arouse from our lethargy, spring forward to the conflict, and with renewed zeal and consecration, enter more earnestly into the Home Mission work. For statistics, we refer to the Report on Home Missions of Southern Baptist Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. Thompson.

These reports were spoken to by Brethren A. Taylor and W. W. Bolls, and adopted.

By request, the report of Woman's Mission Society was read by J. C. Farrar, discussed by A. Taylor and J. C. Farrar, and ordered spread on our minutes.

The Committee on Publication being absent, the report of last year was read by J. H. Purser and discussed by J. C. Farrar, and adopted.

Report on Publication.

Your Committee would recommend, first of all, the reading of the Holy Bible, which is the Word of God, the fountain of truth and knowledge. Let us then, not simply read for pastime, but read it that we may be spiritually benefited. In connection with the Bible, we would recommend as not only safe, but important to our Christian growth in knowledge, the reading of the Baptist Record, published at Meridian, Miss., the Foreign Mission Journal, Richmond, Va., the Western Recorder, Louisville, Ky. : and for Sabbath School literature, "Kind Words," Nashville, Tenn., the literature of the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia, Pa. : and for the cause of temperance we would recommend The Leader, Brookhaven, Miss. We also recommend "Our Home Field," Atlanta, Ga. and the "Baptist Layman," Winona, Miss.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. Lowe.

The Report on Obituaries was read by J. E. Lowe and adopted.

Report on Obituaries.

It is with sadness your Committee reports the death of our brethren and sisters who have fallen by the hand of God.

We chronicle the names as follows: Antioch, Mrs. Julia Ballue; New Zion, L. E. Barnes; Pleasant Hill, J. M. Smith, S. Saxon, R. E. Furr and A. Calender; Sims' Chapel Rasa Riser.

These were faithful to the cause of Christ. This is especially so in the death of Bros. L. E. Barnes and J. M. Smith, who were deacons in the churches of which they were members. "Our loss is their gain," and believing this, we bow in humble submission to the will of God.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. Lowe,
A. J. Short,
W. Higdon, Committee.

The Report of Executive Board of Union Association was read by J. C. Farrar, discussed by Bros. W. W. Bolls and W. B. Thompson and adopted as follows:

Report of Executive Board Union Association.

* Your Board would beg leave to report as follows: The work of the Board has not been as satisfactory as they have desired. There has been much to hinder, aside from the lack of liberal support that they have had reason to expect from the churches of this Asociation, in the apathy manifested in some parts of the field.

Port Gibson is made up chiefly of Pedo Baptists and Catholics, and it is difficult to plant the truth there as Baptists hold it.

The field at Hariston is open. Our missionary, Bro. S. R. Young, is doing good work aa this place, and the prospects are favorable for us soon to have a prosperous and self-supporting church.

At Martin, the work is progressing slowly, but is promi

sing. Here we have a church organized with 17 members, but have no house of worship. This they must have, and Union Association will have this to build, or at least give material aid to it.

We give statistics of work done by the missionary appointed by the Board.

Days of Service,	110
Number Sermons Preached,	89
Miles Traveled,	1052
Number Stations,	13
Church Prayer Meetings,	127
Families Visited,	172
Schools,	5
Number Received by Baptism,	12
" " " Letter,	3
" Restored,	4
Money Collected on the Field,	$37.80

We agreed to pay our missionarp $425, to be paid quarterly. Up to this time, we have only paid him $166.55. Now, brethren, as your Board sees it, at the present status of the finances of your Board, they will be at least $200 behind at the close of this year.

*(There is a little discrepancy in report I am not able to correct.—Clerk.)

Finance Committee reported as follows :

Report of Finance Committee.

Your Committee reports that we have examined the Treasurer's report and find the same correct, have received from the different churches $158.15 and have turned over the same to the Treasurer.

W. F. Smith.
M. Bailis,
A. C. Lewis, Committee.

Treasurer's Report.

G. W. Fisher in account with Union Association.

—Debit.—

Amount on hand Sept. 26, 1892,	$248 50
" received since last report,	168 55
	$417 05

—Credit.—

By amount paid out as per vouchers Sept. 26, 1893.	$417 50

The Report on Apportionment was read by J. E. Lowe and adopted as follows:

Report on Apportionment.

Your Committee have apportioned among the churches $574.50 as follows:

Antioch,	$25 00	Pine Bluff,	$50 00
Beech Grove,	20 00	Bethel,	10 00
Brushy Fork,	25 00	Philadelphia,	25 00
Center Chapel,	5 00	Pleasant Hill,	30 00
Fellowship,	50 00	Piedmont,	11 00
New Zion,	87 50	Rodney,	45 00
Reaganton,	20 00	Sims' Chapel	5 00
Ingleside,	10 00	Smyrna,	41 00
Martin,	10 00	Unity,	
New Providence,	40 00	White Oak,	41 00

We recommend that the pastors of the churches attend to the collecting of these amounts, and send the same to the treasurer of this Association, to be distributed according to the direction of the churches.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. Lowe, Chairman.

The Report of Nominating Committee was read, amended and adopted as follows:

Report of Nominating Committee.

Your Committee on Nominations beg leave to submit the following report:

Place of meeting, Antioch; time of meeting, Friday before the 4th Lord's Day at 10 o'clock a. m., September, 1894. To preach the Introductory Sermon, J. C. Farrar; alternate, G. W. Farmer.

Committees.

On Ministerial Education, ... J. C. Farrar.
" Mississippi College, ... S. R. Young.
" State Mssions, ... W. B. Thompson.
" Home Missions, ... J. E. Lowe.
" Foreign Missions, ... W. W. Bolls.
" Publication, ... S. E. Dudley.
" Sunday Schools, ... J. W. Crews.
" Sustentation, ... J. S. Bailey.
" Prohibition, ... W. S. Rogers.
" Pastoral Support, ... J. W. Garrett.
" Condition of Colored People, ... J. W. Clark.

Executive Board: R. M. J. Arnett, R. B. Thedford, J. J. Embry, J. T. Thompson, T. J. Martin, G. F. Boren and W. Ford Smith.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. Foster,
J. R. Rollins,
R. E. Manning, Committee.

On motion, a Committee on Family Prayer, consisting of Bro. W. W. Bolls, was appointed.

Resolutions.

Resolved: That the delegates of Union Association return their appreciation for the warm and cordial hospitality of Brushy Fork Church and vicinity, W. B. Thompson.

Resolved: That the Clerk of this Association have a sufficient number of minutes printed to furnish to the churches, and that he be authorized to call on the Treasurer for $25 for his services. W. B. Thompson.

On motion, the money collected by this Association for Ministerial Education be sent direct to the Board of Ministeal Education.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with Antioch Baptist Church, of Copiah County, Miss., at 10 o'clock a. m. on Friday before the 4th Lord's Day in September, 1894.

After singing, "Jesus, Lover of my Soul," extending the parting hand and prayer by Bro. W. W. Bolls, the 73d Annual Session of Union Association closed.

J. C. FARRAR,
CLERK.

S. R. YOUNG,
MODERATOR.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSION SOCIETY OF UNION ASSOCIATION.

DEAR BRETHREN:—We present our report for the past Associational year. We wish that it were better, numerically and financially. We feel that we have some eight or ten good working societies, and hope for better things, looking to God to own and bless our efforts.

Mrs. N. O. THOMPSON, V. P.
Miss LELIA CLARK, Secret'y.

We pledge $25 for Ministerial Education and $27.50 for Associational Missions.

DIRECTORY OF WOMAN'S MISSION SOCIETY OF UNION ASSOCIATION.

SOCIETIES.	PRESIDENTS.	SECRETARIES.	POSTOFFICE.
Antioch	Miss M. Douglas	Miss Bettie Bishop	Spencer, Miss.
Brushy Fork	" Carrie Townsend	" Lelia Clark	Hermanville, "
Fellowship	" Ann Bolls	" E. M. Foster	Lee, "
Hermanville	" Mollie Gordon	" L. S. Crews	Hermanville, "
New Providence	" Anna Bailey	" R. J. Davis	Allen, "
New Zion	Mrs. M. E, Scott	Mrs. Mattie Sumrall	Crystal Springs "
Philadelphia	" Dorcas Childs	" M. Smith	Caseyville, "
Pleasant Hill	" A. M. Furr	" Jennie Furr	McBride, "
Rodney	" N. O. Thompson	" S. McGill	Rodney, "
Rodney Young People	W. B. Thompson	" Mattie Wilson	Rodney, "
Smyrna	Mrs. Ida Martin	" M. E. Wilson	Hazlehurst, "
White Oak	" H. E. Thompson	" Anne Jacobs	Carpenter, "

Financial Statement of Woman's Mission Society of Union Association.

	FOREIGN MISSIONS.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Associational Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Centennial Fund.	Home Uses.	Total.
Brushy Fork	$			6 35	2 50		8 50	17 85
Fellowship	9 75	1 25			5 00	3 00	1 00	20 00
New Providence				9 60				9 60
New Zion				5 00	2 50		1 10	8 60
Pleasant Hill				2 50	2 50			5 00
Rodney	6 85	7 10	6 30	20 00	22 15		44 00	106 40
Rodney Young People	4 00	4 50	2 95			10 00		21 15
White Oak		5 20		3 40			6 70	15 30
Totals.	20 60	18 05	8 95	46 85	34 65	13 00	61 30	203 40

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POSTOFFICE.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICE.
Antioch	Joseph Buckles	Caseyville	Hiram Sweeney	Spencer
Bethesda	G. W. Farmer	Harriston	W. T. Allen	Red Lick
Beech Grove				
Bethany				
Brushy Fork	J. H. Purser	Hermanville	G. F. Boren	Hermanville
Center Chapel	S. R. Young	Martin	H. F. Jones	McBride
Fellowship	W. W. Bolls	Lee	R. M. J. Arnett	Lee
Hermanville	J. P. Hemby	Gloster	J. A. Lord	Hermanville
Ingleside	J. H. Purser	Hermanville	T. U. Buffkin	Ingleside
Martin	S. R. Young	Martin	J. W. White	Martin
New Providence	G. C. Johnson	Winona	F. M. Davis	Allen
New Zion	J. D. Jameson	Crystal Springs	A. D. Pevey	Crystal Springs
Philadelphia	J. H. Gambrell	Brookhaven	John E. Decell	Caseyville
Pine Bluff	J. C. Farrar	Bear Creek	J. A. Anderson	Pine Bluff
Pleasant Hill	S. R. Young	Martin	I. N. Garrett	Union Churcn
Piedmont				
Reaganton	J. E. Lowe	Crystal Springs	W. J. Mullican	Reagantoh
Rodney	W. W. Bolls	Lee	J. E. Herring	Rodney
Sims' Chapel	W. S. Rogers	Clinton	J. S. McPherson	Port Gibson
Smyrna	Joseph Buckles	Caseyville	W. F. Funchess	Hazlehurst
Unity				
White Oak	E. L. Lewis	Raymond	G. L. Pittman	Utica

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Associational Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Association Purposes.	Sunday Schools.	Value of Church Property.	Local Expenses.	Sustentation.	Other Objects.	Centennial Fund.
Antioch	110 00												
Bethesda						3 75	3 00	1 90	400 00				
Beech Grove			2 30				2 00		100 00				
Betnany			5 95				1 35		400 00	5 00			
Brushy Fork	108 00												
Center Chapel	40 00				4 05	3 00	5 00		500 00				
Fellowship	150 00	18 50		6 40	1 50		1 00		225 00				
Hermanville	300 00				5 00	15 00	5 00		500 00				
Ingleside	75 00				2 50	5 00		35 40	1250 00			30 00	
Martin	50 00				2 10		2 00		200 00				
New Providence	200 00		4 60	9 60	2 30		1 25	3 50					
New Zion	185 00	4 10	1 00	1 00	26 00	5 80	1 50	4 80	1625 00				
Philadelphia	200 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	5 15	6 50	5 00	4 80	1500 00				4 40
Pine Bluff	125 00			3 60		1 00	3 00	5 00	1190 00		1 00		
Pleasant Hill	150 00			8 25			7 50			15 00		21 00	
Piedmont							5 00	7 55	1200 00				
Reaganton	100 00			11 35					500 00				
Rodney	235 00	5 00	5 00	14 00	18 00		1 40		300 00			7 10	
Sims' Chapel	75 00						5 00		2000 00				
Smyrna	150 00					20 00	2 50	1 50					
Unity						27 50	5 00	2 35	600 00				
White Oak	200 00				3 55		5 00		800 00				
TOTALS.	$2453 00	$28 60	$19.85	$53.20	$70.15	$87.20	$54.00	$66.80	$13290.	$20.00	$1.00	$58.10	$4.40

CHURCH STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	County.	Baptised.	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismiss'd by Letter	Died.	Excluded.	Total Membership	Number Minutes.	Sabbath Schools.	Number Teachers and Scholars.
Antioch	Copiah	1		1	1	1		69	25	1	56
Bethesda	Jefferson	11	10	6		1		72	20		
Beech Grove	Claiborne	2	2		2	1	5	62	5		
Betnany	Copiah										
Brushy Fork	Copiah	3			2			78	25	1	46
Center Chapel	Jefferson	2			5			45	10		
Fellowship	"		1			1		50	25		
Hermanville	Claiborne				2		1	56	15	1	50
Ingleside	"						2	27	13		
Martin	"		4					17	10	1	25
New Providence	Copiah	3		11				62	12	1	35
New Zion	"	6	7		4	1	2	169	40	1	47
Philadelphia	Lincoln	9	8		1			170	25	1	42
Pine Bluff	Copiah	10	3	4	4	6		186	40		
Pleasant Hill	"	5	3		4	6		144	45	1	95
Piedmont	Jefferson										
Reaganton	Claiborne	1	3	1	1		2	23	8		
Rodney	Jefferson	2	1		2			50	20		
Sims' Chapel	Claiborne	6	5		1	1	1	44	12	1	36
Smyrna	Copiah	2			4			92	25	1	23
Unity	Jefferson										
White Oak	Copiah		5		6	1		68	25		
TOTALS.		63	52	12	50	19	13	1284	400	10	455

ABSTRACT OF FAITH

—OF THE—

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Adopted First Session, September 18, 1820.

—PREAMBLE.—

We, the churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptised upon a profession of our faith, are convinced of the utility of a combination of churches, and of maintaining a correspondence for a preservation of our Union among churches of the same faith and order, we, therefore, agree to form ourselves into an Association upon the following principles, viz.:

I. We believe in one triune God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

II. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.

III. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude; in the imputation of all his sins to all his posterity; in the total depravity of human nature, and in man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

IV. We believe that God hath loved his people with an everlasting love; that he chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world; that He calleth them with a holy and effectual calling, and being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ, imputed to them, they are kept by the power of God, through faith unto salvation.

V. We believe there is one Mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus, who, by the satisfaction he made to law and justice, in becoming an offering for sin, hath, by his most precious blood, redeemed the elect from under the curse of the law that they might be holy and without blame before him in love.

VI. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state; and that all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.

VII. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment; that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting.

Gospel Order.

1. We believe that a church of Jesus Christ is a congregation of immersed believers, who have given themselves to the Lord, and to one another by the will of God, and have covenanted to keep up a godly discipline agreeable to the rules of the gospel.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the head of the church —the only Lawgiver—and the government is with the church.

3. That Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the gospel ordinances appointnd by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church until His second coming.

4. That the immersion of the body in water, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, is the only Scriptural baptism as taught by Christ and His Apostles.

5. That none but regularly baptised church members, who live a holy life, have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

6. That it is the privilege and duty of all believers to make public profession of their faith by submitting themselves as subjects of baptism and as members to the visible church.

7. That it is the duty of every regularly organized church to expel from her communion all disorderly and immoral members, or those who hold doctrines contrary to the Scriptures.

Rules of Decorum.

1. Those delegates who are regularly chosen by the churches of our Union shall compose the Association.

2. The delegates so chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, together with the number in fellowship, those baptised, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and dead since the last Association.

3. Delegates thus chosen and convened shall be denominated the "Union Baptist Association."

4. The Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present, who shall hold their offices until their successors are elected.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into this Union they shall petition by letter and delegates. If received, the Moderator shall extend to the delegates the right hand of fellowship. The Association shall always have the power to receive or reject applicants for membership.

6. No church in this Union shall have a right to more than three delegates, unless she shall exceed one hundred members; then she shall have a right to an additional delegate for every additional fifty members.

7. Every query sent to the Association, by any church in the Union, shall be read and put to vote by the Moderator whether it shall be debated, and if there shall be a majority for it, it shall be taken up and investigated; provided always, that those be first considered which affect the union of the churches.

8. Every motion made and seconded shall be taken up by the Association, except it be withdrawn by the person making it.

9. Only one person shall speak at once, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator.

10. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted except he depart from the subject, break the Rules of Decorum, or cast reflections upon a brother, in which case he

shall be immediately called to order by the Moderator.

11. No person shall speak more than twice upon the same suject withot leave of the Moderator.

12. No brother shall finally depart from the conference without leave of the Moderator.

13. All reports to this body shall be sent up in writing.

14. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question that may be debated; provided the chair be previously filled, but shall have the privilege of voting only when the Association is equally divided

15. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over as often as the Association deems expedient.

16. We think it actually necessary to have an Associational Fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the Union to contribute such sums as it may think proper, and send them by its delegates to the Association, and the money thus contributed by the churches shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, by the Association appointed, who shall be accountable to the Association for all the money by him received, and paid out according to the direction of the same.

17. The name of no delegate shall appear upon the minutes of this Association who absents himself before adjournment without leave of the Association.

18. The Minutes of this Association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

Powers of the Association.

1. It shall be the business of the Association to provide for the general union of the churches.

2. To keep up a friendly correspondence (when convenient) with other Associations of the same faith and order.

3. This Association shall have no power to lord it over

God's heritage, nor infringe upon any of the internal rights of the churches.

4. It shall be the duty of the Association to give the churches the best advice in its power in difficult matters; to inquire into any difficulties which may exist between sister churches, and remove them if possible.

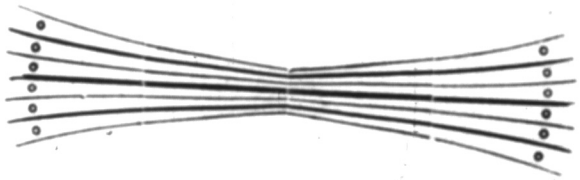
5. To admit any of the brethren in the ministry as assistants. but not give them the privilege of voting.

6. This Association shall have the power to withdraw from any church in the Union which may be unsound of principle, or immoral in practice, until reclaimed.

7. To appoint any person or persons, by and with their consent, to transact any business which the Association may deem necessary.

8. The Association shall have power to adjourn at any time or to any place it may think proper.

9. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.



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